

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### IN RECOGNITION OF SAMUEL WORLEY

#### HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Samuel Worley as he celebrates his 100th birthday on June 13, 2021. For nearly a century, Sam has dedicated his life to public service. It is my privilege to recognize his life and achievements ahead of this milestone.

Born near Fannettsburg, Pennsylvania, Sam Worley proudly served as a member of the U.S. Army 8th Air Corps. During World War II, he worked in intelligence while stationed in England.

Upon returning home, Sam Worley married his wife, June, and they raised two children. In Franklin County, Sam continued to serve our community. During his career in banking, Sam also was an active volunteer with the YMCA, Kiwanis Club, American Legion, Masonic fraternity, and the Chambersburg Borough Council. Sam was elected to serve as Franklin County Commissioner from 1988 to 1996, and then continued to serve our community as the Mayor of Chambersburg for eight years.

As he marks this great milestone, I am grateful to Sam Worley for his continued dedication to our Nation and to Franklin County. On behalf of the 13th District of Pennsylvania, it is my privilege to honor Sam for his many contributions and wish him continued health and happiness.

### HONORING THE LIFE OF LEOPOLDO TREVIÑO-GUERRA

#### HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. RUIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Leopoldo Treviño-Guerra, who passed away on March 25, 2021. As a champion of farmworkers and the Latino community, Leopoldo devoted his life to giving voice to the voiceless and fighting for what is right. His story is an inspiration to us all, and his impact will undoubtedly be felt for generations to come.

Leopoldo's advocacy first began when his family settled in the Coachella Valley in the 1970s. There, he became a member of the United Farm Workers (UFW) and helped negotiate the first collective employment contract with the lemon agribusiness. As the chief representative of UFW in this landmark negotiation, Leopoldo was instrumental in securing workers' rights, including eight-hour workdays, rest periods, and higher wages.

His tireless will and unmatched strength have made the Coachella Valley a better place for everyone who lives there. As a prin-

cipal founder of the Housing Rent Control Movement, he secured better conditions for farmworker housing—improving the quality of life for hundreds of families in our communities.

Leopoldo was a true trailblazer. In 1988, he co-founded the first entirely Spanish-language newspaper in the Coachella Valley, *El Informador del Valle*. To this day, *El Informador del Valle* delivers news to the Latino community in the Coachella and Imperial Valleys. Leopoldo's unrelenting pursuit of justice led him to establish his second Spanish-language newspaper seven years later. *El Independiente* actively covered social justice work in the Latino community until 2008. With his excellent leadership and vision at both newspapers, Leopoldo successfully uplifted Latino voices throughout the region.

Leopoldo faced numerous hardships in his life, but he overcame the obstacles that stood in his way to create a better future for his family. His 19 children, 44 grandchildren, and 34 great grandchildren are a testament to his outstanding legacy. Leopoldo's story is an example of the excellence, dedication, and service to our Nation that all should seek to emulate.

### COMMEMORATING THE GRANT COTTAGE HISTORIC SITE AS IT IS DESIGNATED A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

#### HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the christening of the Grant Cottage Historic Site as a National Historic Landmark. This home was the final dwelling place of the 18th President of the United States, Ulysses S. Grant, and continues to be of great historical significance.

Ulysses S. Grant rose to prominence during the American Civil War where he played a pivotal role in the defeat of the Confederate Army. In 1863, then-President Lincoln promoted Grant to Major General and then in 1864, Lieutenant General, holding command over all Union Armies. After the Civil War, Grant was elected as the 18th President of the United States in 1868 and is largely credited with reunifying the North and South. During his tenures, he created the Justice Department and oversaw the ratification of the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which prohibited denying any citizen the right to vote based on race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

The Grant Cottage Historic Site serves as both an educational experience, recounting Grant's storied place in American History, and a time-capsule, displaying artifacts untouched since the day of his death. This cottage, at the top of Mount McGregor, served as a refuge for Grant and his family in his final days and is where the former President completed his

autobiography, *Personal Memoirs of U.S. Grant*, just days before his death. After years of advocacy to the National Park Service, I am proud to stand in support with the Friends of the Ulysses S. Grant Cottage as this site is designated a National Historic Landmark. This designation ensures that the site will be eligible for federal funding to preserve and protect this important piece of history.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am honored to recognize the work of the Friends of the Ulysses S. Grant Cottage for their dedication and perseverance in promoting this historic landmark. Their work will ensure that generations to come are able to visit the Cottage and recall the great importance of knowing our Nation's history.

### IN RECOGNITION OF MAPLETON FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank the Mapleton Fire Department in Huntingdon County for its 100 years of service to our community.

Organized on May 13, 1921, the original fire company was comprised of 36 volunteers. Since then, the Mapleton Volunteer Fire Department and its iconic green fire trucks have been a staple in the Huntingdon County community.

Firefighters' commitment and service to our community are invaluable. Volunteer firefighters often are called on to respond to calls ranging from structure fires to medical emergencies. These brave men and women show their commitment to our community through their diverse and often-difficult work.

For the past century, volunteer firefighters in Mapleton have worked tirelessly to protect life and property. As they mark this incredible achievement, I am grateful to the Mapleton firefighters for their steadfast service to our community and I wish them continued safety and success.

### HONORING COUNTY MANAGER PAULA STEWART FOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO HARNETT COUNTY

#### HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor County Manager Paula Stewart for 25 years of service to Harnett County, located in North Carolina's Eight Congressional District.

Over the years, Mrs. Stewart has played an instrumental role in shaping the history of our

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community. She joined Harnett County in 1996 as Director of Information Technology and retired after three years as County Manager. Appointed in 2018 by the Harnett County Board of Commissioners, Mrs. Stewart is the first woman to serve as County Manager.

Mrs. Stewart has led a career of distinction and is a strong and effective leader. During her tenure with Harnett County, she improved customer service, expanded access to public services, enhanced public communications, and managed growth by embracing new opportunities while preserving the rich history of our community. She is credited with revising Harnett County's fiscal policy, coordinating response efforts to emergency events such as Hurricane Florence and the coronavirus pandemic, and oversaw construction of the Harnett County Resource Center and Library.

Renee and I would like to extend our most heartfelt appreciation to Mrs. Stewart for her years of exemplary service to Harnett County, which is a better place today due to her work. I know I speak for our entire community in wishing her and her family continued success and happiness as they move on to their next great adventure.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring County Manager Paula Stewart for 25 years of service to Harnett County.

HONORING BOUNTHIENG  
EGKHOUNMOUNG AS IOWAN OF  
THE WEEK

**HON. CYNTHIA AXNE**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 4, 2021*

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Master Sergeant Bounthieng Egkhounmoung, a recently retired veteran, as Iowan of the Week. Bounthieng, or BJ as he's known, retired last week from the 132nd Wing of the Iowa Air National Guard after over a total of 38 years in service to the country and the state of Iowa.

From the Marine Corps, Air National Guard, and the State of Iowa, BJ served his country through nearly four decades. He retires as a Master Sergeant from the 132nd Wing of the Iowa Air National Guard. The 132nd Wing, founded in 1941, has deployed in numerous conflicts throughout the world and played a critical role in our state's flood recovery over the last few decades. Their values of Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do were exemplified by BJ throughout his service.

As Asian Pacific American Heritage Month comes to an end, may we celebrate the diversity in our country and reflect on the challenges many in the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities still experience. BJ's exemplary service to our country and lived the military values of duty, honor, and country. To quote General MacArthur who was reflecting on his own 30 years of military service said "Those three hallowed words (duty, honor, country) reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be. They are your rallying points: to build courage when courage seems to fail; to regain faith when there seems to be little cause for faith; to create hope when hope becomes forlorn." Master Sergeant BJ embodied these values in his 38 years of service.

Our country is safe and our communities are secure thanks to the service of the over 20 million veterans and active service members that protect our nation, including BJ's service. As I rise today in honor of BJ, I encourage everyone to reach out to veterans and military families in your life, hear their stories, and give your thanks. I will continue to work across the aisle in Congress, such as my recently passed Sgt. Ketchum Rural Veterans' Mental Health Act, to ensure our veterans get the care they need and deserve.

It is my honor to recognize BJ for his nearly four decades of outstanding service to our country. I thank BJ for his service, and I hope he has an enjoyable retirement.

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
AND AMERICAN SAMOA COLLEGE  
ACCESS ACT

**HON. GREGORIO KILI CAMACHO  
SABLAN**

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 4, 2021*

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa College Access Act, which would authorize tuition assistance grants to cover the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition costs for Northern Marianas and American Samoa community college graduates seeking to attend a four-year public university.

The importance of having an educated citizenry is a bedrock principle of our nation and has been since our founding. And in today's competitive job market, a postsecondary education is increasingly becoming a critical necessity for obtaining a decent job with a decent wage.

The Northern Mariana Islands has only been part of America for forty years. We understand well that education is key to our continued growth, but the reality is that household incomes in the Northern Marianas are less than half the national median. The U.S. territory of American Samoa is in similar economic straits. Poverty and unemployment rates there are among the highest in the country.

I believe the best way to improve economic conditions in these territories is to improve the educational opportunities of our residents. Unfortunately, however, neither the Northern Marianas nor American Samoa has a four-year institution of higher education. In fact, they are the only two congressional districts in the country without a public four-year college or university. Each has an accredited community college, but academic offerings are substantially limited.

Students from these U.S. territories wanting the advantages of a four-year university in another state or territory face significant financial difficulty. Nonresident students spend an average of \$16,380 in out-of state tuition and fees more per year than their resident peers at public four-year colleges, according to College Board. And many students in the Marianas and American Samoa wanting to attend a four-year university not only face the cost-of-nonresident-tuition, but also the significant expense of travel. The Marianas are over 3,700 miles from the nearest state, Hawaii—a \$1,100 one-way trip by plane. American

Samoa to Hawaii is over 2,500 miles, over \$800 one-way.

The bill follows the model of P.L. 106–98, the D.C. College Access Act, which allows students residing in the District of Columbia to apply for grants to help pay the cost of attending colleges outside D.C., but much smaller in scope and cost. It creates a program through which public four-year schools in the 50 states, D.C., and other U.S. territories may be reimbursed for offering in-state tuition to undergraduate students from the Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa.

The gentlewoman from American Samoa, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, is an original cosponsor of the bill. I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan legislation and help give students from the Northern Marianas and American Samoa the means needed to make their educational dreams a reality.

IN RECOGNITION OF LIEUTENANT  
COLONEL DENNIS K. WILLIAMS II

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 4, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Lieutenant Colonel Dennis K. Williams II for this extraordinary command of the Letterkenny Munitions Center at Letterkenny Army Depot from June 6, 2019 to June 10, 2021.

LTC Dennis K. Williams II is a native of Grants Pass, Oregon. He enlisted in the Army in 1991, and received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in 2001. He graduated from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Arts in history and earned a graduate degree in management. Prior to serving as commander of Letterkenny Munitions Center, LTC Dennis K. Williams II was the Director of the Virtual Experimentation Team in the U.S. Army Futures Command Sustainment Battle Lab in Fort Lee Virginia.

His previous assignments includes serving as the Brigade Combat Team S4 Trainer, Brigade Support Battalion Executive Officer and later Support Operations Officer Trainer at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California; Battalion Executive Officer, 10th Sustainment Brigade, Fort Drum, New York; Deputy Division 04, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York; Deputy CJ–4, CJTF–10, Bagram, Afghanistan; Division Maintenance Officer, 2nd Infantry Division, Korea; Brigade S3, 171st Infantry Brigade, Fort Jackson, South Carolina; Battalion Executive Officer, 187th Ordnance Battalion, Fort Jackson, South Carolina; Company Commander, B. Co, 187th Ordnance Battalion, Fort Jackson, South Carolina; Bomb Disposal Advisor Military Transition Team, 2nd Iraqi Army, Mosul, Iraq; Depot and Ammunition Supply Point Officer-in-Charge, 83rd Ordnance Battalion, Okinawa, Japan. He was deployed to Somalia and Haiti in 1994. In 2008, LTC Dennis K. Williams II was deployed to Mosul, Iraq; and to Bagram, Afghanistan, in 2014.

LTC Dennis K. Williams II received a Bronze Star (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (4 Oak Leaf Clusters) Army Commendation Medal (Valor Device), Army Commendation Medal (4 Oak Leaf Clusters), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan